

DILLMAN, Ray E., atty.; b. Vernal,  
Utah, Apr. 26, 1890; s. S. P. and Julia  
E. (Davis) D.; ed. pub. schs., Vernal;  
LL.B., U. of U., 1913; sdnt. U. of Chi-  
cago, 1914; m. Mildred M. Miles in  
Roosevelt, July 1, 1916; c. R. Earl,  
Miles, Naomi, Mary, Dorothy. Gen.  
prac. of law, Roosevelt since 1914;  
atty., Duchesne Co., 1914-16; city atty.  
Roosevelt, 1916-18, 1923-31; mem. city  
council, Roosevelt, 1917-19. Mem. Du-  
chesne Co. Bd. Edn., 1915-19; Utah  
Water Storage Commn., 1927-29; Utah  
State Senate, 1929-33 (pres., Senate,  
chmn. Edn. Com.). Mem. Beta Theta  
Pi, U.B.I.C., State Rep. Club. Office  
and home: Roosevelt, Utah.

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PARDON DODDS resides in the fine little City of Vernal, the judicial center of Uintah County, but still continues to give supervision to his fine ranch estate in this county. He was born at Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, November 30, 1880, and his native place is now known as Heber instead of Heber City. He is a son of the late Pardon and Minnie (Hatch) Dodds, the former of whom was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom was born at Lehi, Utah County, Utah, she having been a daughter of Abraham Chase Hatch, who became a pioneer of Utah, whither he came across the plains with one of the early wagon trains. He established a pioneer mercantile business at Lehi and later opened the first store at Heber City, where he passed the remainder of his life and where he died at the age of eighty-four years. He was twice married, and was prominent in the affairs of the Church of Latter Day Saints, in which he was the first president of the stake at Heber City, an office he retained many years. One of his sons is numbered among the influential and representative members of the Utah bar.

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Pardon Dodds, Sr., received his youthful education in Pennsylvania and Ohio, his parents having never come to Utah. From the old Buckeye State he went forth as a gallant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, his enlistment having occurred at Canton, the home of the late President William McKinley, and his services at the front having been with the Tenth Ohio Cavalry. He participated in many engagements and campaigns, including a number of major battles, and his service covered virtually the entire period of the war. After the Civil war he was made Indian agent in Utah and was the first agent to live with the Indians. With the assistance of seven other white men he supervised the removal of the Ute Indians, fully 4,500 in number, to their present reservation, this having been prior to the death of the great Indian Chief Black Hawk. While serving as agent he gave supervision to his private affairs also, and in this connection it is to be noted that he was the first man to drive a wagon into the present Vernal district of Uintah County. Here he ran cattle and horses on the range and cared for 1,000 cattle of his father-in-law, he having acquired an interest in this herd. In making his way to Uintah County he passed through the locality that has since been known as Dodd's Twist—thus named for him. He established the first trading post at Ashley, somewhat to the north and west of the present county seat, Vernal, he having there erected his cabin in the year 1773 and wooden pins having been used in lieu of nails in constructing the building. The logs for the structure were hewed with an adz, and this cabin is still standing, as one of the interesting landmarks of this section of the state. On one of his numerous cross-country trips Mr. Dodds lost a valuable watch, on which his name was engraved. Forty years later William Perry plowed this timepiece from the ground and returned it to Mr. Dodds, much to the latter's satisfaction. The last two years of the life of Pardon Dodds, Sr., were passed in the home now occupied by his son and namesake, at Vernal, and here he died in September, 1921, about six months prior to his eighty-fifth birthday anniversary. The late Pardon Dodds was one of the revered pioneer citizens of Uintah County at the time of his death. His widow, who survived him about two years and died in 1923, and they became the parents of five sons and one daughter. Mr. Dodds brought the first pure-bred horses into the Uintah Valley. He traded 117 head of cattle for a valuable stallion that he used for breeding purposes until it was stolen by Indians.

The late Pardon Dodds was a man of utmost courage and self-reliance and had great influence among the Indians, who valued him as their loyal friend. On one occasion, when members of two tribes of Indians were fighting, he advanced into the thick of the fray, gave a thorough booting to two of the opposing chiefs and sent them and their warriors back to camp. In spite of occasional differences he was much loved by his Indian wards. During the latter years of his life he would occasionally visit the reservation, and the Indians would climb all over his wagon to shake hands with their white friend. Even to the present day Indians ask and are granted permission to camp in the vicinity of the old Dodds

trading post. Chief Black Hawk met his death from a fifty-caliber cartridge in his chest, but lingered for hours after being thus wounded. He sent for Mr. Dodds and conversed with him more than two hours, with frequent spitting of blood as he lay on the ground awaiting death. Some time thereafter a representative of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., asked Mr. Dodds' assistance in procuring data for a sketch of the career of Black Hawk, and while he was able to give valuable aid in this respect it was not until about thirty years later that he saw fit to mention the incident. He had lived up to the full tension of conflict in the Civil war and to that of pioneer life in the West, his course was guided and governed by high principles and loyal personal stewardship, and his name merits high place on the perpetuated roster of the honored pioneers of Utah.

Pardon Dodds, Jr., of this review, was reared in Uintah County and received his early education in the public schools of the locality and period. At the age of fourteen years he began herding cattle and horses on the range, and he was thus engaged most of the time until he had attained to the age of thirty-five years. For twenty years he was actively engaged in the cattle and horse business in an independent way, and he still owns and operates a well improved ranch, though he maintains his residence at Vernal, the county seat.

The year 1904 recorded the marriage of Mr. Dodds to Miss Ruby Hardy, daughter of Joseph Hardy, and of the children of this union all are living except the first, Royland, who was born April 13, 1905, and whose death occurred April 13, 1912, his seventh birthday anniversary. The names and respective birth dates of the other children are here recorded: Eleanor, October 16, 1906; Jennie, February 8, 1908; Clinton, April 11, 1910; Velda, September 17, 1913; and Arthur, December 14, 1916.

JOSEPH HARDY is a venerable and honored citizen who, after many years of earnest endeavor in connection with the practical affairs of life, is now living in well earned comfort and retirement, his pleasant home being in the little City of Vernal, county seat of Uintah County.

Mr. Hardy was born in Pocahontas County, Iowa, April 8, 1848, a date that indicates that his parents there settled in the early pioneer days. He is a son of Joseph and Lucy (Blandon) Hardy, who were born in Camden County, Maine. The parents were converted to the faith of the Latter Day Saints and were living in the historic Mormon colony at Nauvoo, Illinois, when the members of the colony were driven out by mobs, this having led to the great exodus to Utah and the founding of the wonderful colony of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City. It was under these conditions that Joseph Hardy, Sr., removed with his family from Nauvoo to Iowa, he having found it virtually impossible at that time to continue the journey to Utah, as his brother Zachariah had died and had not left sufficient means to provide for the overland trip of his widow and five children to the new colony in Utah. By 1850, however, plans were perfected for continuing the family journey across the

**P. Bryce Erickson**

VERNAL—Our kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and brother, passed away

on June 26, 1991 of

complications of can-

cer and a stroke.

Bryce was born

January 23, 1916 in Kingston, Utah

to Peter A. Erickson and Averisto J.

Savope circa a family of six. He

served three and a half years for

the Air Forces in the South Pacific.

He married Lois Walker December 27, 1940 in the Mormon LDS tem-

ple, Ogden, Utah. They raised four chil-

dren. He worked for the U.S. Postal

Service, in the Oil Fields, and was

proprietor of Vernal Bowl for 20

years.

Bryce will be deeply missed by

family and friends.

He is survived by his wife and

children: Mrs. Ron (Arlia) Enroe-

Darwin, both Vernal, Utah; Rod-

ney, and Mrs. Kevin (Roxie) Mar-

tin, both Salt Lake City; 2½ grand-

children; three sisters, Georgia

Christensen, and Donna Weeks,

both Salt Lake City; Mrs. Hal

(Ruby) Triplett, Bountiful; and

brother, Dennis Erickson, Seattle,

Washington.

A viewing will be held at the

Jolley Funeral Home, 224 East 500

South, Vernal, Utah, from 7 until 9

pm. on Monday, and one hour

prior to services on Tuesday. Hu-

meral services will be held at the

Vernal 4th Ward Chapel on Tues-

day at 11:30 am. Interment will be in

the Vernal Memorial Park.

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